

land. Accordingly, Joseph provided them with waggons, that might convey their father, and their families, and goods, down to Egypt. Besides these, he sent to Jacob a present of valuable things, and corn and bread, which loaded twenty asses. And to all his brethren he gave several suits of clothes; and to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver. So they left Egypt, and travelled towards their native country. And now they spend their time and way in talking of the strange providences, which had taken place since they came down to the land. Joseph, and his magnificence, employ their thoughts, and they rejoice at bearing the good news to their father, which they were now capable of. At length, after a prosperous journey, they arrive at home, and Jacob saw them with much joy, because it dispelled the gloomy apprehensions he had entertained.

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But when they told him, that Joseph was yet alive, and that he was Lord over all Egypt, he would not believe it, but feared that they meant to impose upon him. However, after one of them had confessed the whole affair, concerning their selling him for a slave, and all the steps which brought him to this honour; and when he saw the waggons, and the present, which Joseph had sent to him, then he believed their words, and said, in an ecstasy of joy, "It is enough! Joseph, my son, is yet alive; I will go and see him before I die."

Here, reader, pause, and consider the foolishness of murmuring; and being fretful and discontented, when providences frown; because we see how soon God can alter our state, and make the most trying circumstances appear to be, in the end, wise and gracious dispensations!

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